

In the claims:

1. (Original) A convertible planter and fountain system, comprising:
 - a. a planter container adapted to retain soil and having a side and bottom; and
 - b. a pump landing coupled to the container and having a surface disposed above the bottom, the pump landing forming a hollow cavity accessible from an exterior portion of the planter container and sealingly separated from an interior portion of the planter container.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a pump coupled to the pump landing.
3. (Currently amended) The system of claim [1] 2, further comprising a water fountain spout coupled to the pump and adapted to spray water from the pump above a water level in the planter container.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a hollow channel coupled to the side of the planter container.
5. (Original) The system of claim 4, further comprising a pump mounted to the pump landing and having a power cord extending through the channel to an exterior portion of the container.
6. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a valve mounted in the hollow cavity and having one port fluidically coupled to the interior portion of the container and another port accessible from the exterior portion of the container.
7. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising a conduit coupled to the container and adapted to supply water to the container.
8. (Original) A convertible planter and fountain system, comprising:
 - a. a planter container adapted to retain soil and having a side and bottom;

b. a pump landing coupled to the container and having a surface disposed above the bottom, the pump landing forming a hollow cavity accessible from an exterior portion of the planter container and sealingly separated from an interior portion of the planter container; and

c. a hollow channel formed on the interior portion of the container and extending in a vertical direction at least partially between the bottom and a top of the container.

9. (Original) The system of claim 8, further comprising a pump coupled to the pump landing.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, further comprising a water fountain spout coupled to the pump and adapted to spray water from the pump above a water level in the planter container.

11. (Original) The system of claim 8, further comprising a valve mounted in the hollow cavity and having one port fluidically coupled to the interior portion of the container and another port accessible from the exterior portion of the container.

12. (Currently amended) A method of converting [a] the convertible planter and fountain system of claim 3 between a water fountain and a planter, ~~the planter fountain having a planter container adapted to retain soil and having a side and bottom; a pump landing coupled to the container, the pump landing forming a hollow cavity accessible from an exterior portion of the planter container and sealingly separated from an interior portion of the planter container; a pump coupled to the pump landing; a water fountain spout coupled to the pump and adapted to spray water from the pump above a water level in the planter container; and a valve mounted in the hollow cavity fluidically coupled to the interior portion of the container, comprising:~~

- a. draining at least a portion of any water contained in the container;
- b. removing the spout; and
- c. at least partially filling the container with soil.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising watering the soil with a pressurized water conduit sealingly engaged with the interior portion of the container.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising converting the planter and fountain system into a fountain, comprising;
- a. removing at least a portion of the soil;
 - b. coupling the spout to the pump; and
 - c. at least partially filling the container with water.
15. (Original) The method of claim 14, further comprising activating the pump to spray water through the spout.
16. (Original) The method of claim 12, further comprising removing the pump from the container.